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BIDWELL RANCHO

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education and training they need to achieve
economic empowerment.*

Business Meeting Minutes Approved

MEETING PLACE AND TIME:

The business meeting of Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at Garden Villa Cafe, 196 Cohasset Rd., Chico, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss, at 6:05 p.m. Other members present were Sheron Box, Pam Shelton, Melanie Austen, Gayle Luna, Marie Hartman, Maxine Guynn, Sherry Holbrook, Della Miller, Sarah Fry, Quinn Mendez, Linda Lucena, Sally Mendez, Lisa Fitzgerald, Judi Merlo, Dawn McDonald, Susan Bandstra, Sue Johnston and Carol Johnson.

PLEDGE:

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Where there is kindness, there is goodness and where there is goodness there is magic.” - Disney’s Cinderella

HAPPY BUCKS

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous business meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, were distributed via email. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer Melanie Austen presented the treasurer’s report. From the beginning balance of \$64,934.45, of note the report reflected the disbursement of \$21,000 of restricted funds received for the Camp Fire, with \$107,30 remaining in the fund. The report reflected an ending balance of \$44,670.36, Hearing no objections, the report will be filed for review.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Babette reported that we had donated a beautiful poinsettia to the Garden Villa Cafe which has been very accommodating to us this year; the food and service they have provided has been exceptional, and much appreciated by the club.

A Christmas card was circulated to sign by our members for our Friendship Link in Muenster, Germany. Our Friendship link also receives our monthly eblast.

PROGRAM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SANTA PROJECT COMMITTEE

- Chair Susan gave an overview of what to expect for the Thursday evening's event, and circulated the sign up sheet for members to review, and edit, as necessary.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- It was reported that a Chair Angie has scheduled a New Member Orientation for January 21st, with more details to follow.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING COMMITTEE

- Committee Chair, President Elect Linda Lucena, introduced the committee members which includes Sally Mendez, Quinn Mendez and Sarah Fry. Saturday, January 11th is National Human Trafficking Day, and our club will have an informational table at the Farmers Market to hand out information. The committee will send an email to the club for sign ups.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

- President Babette indicated that some new SIBR banners are in the works, and will be ordered shortly.

BREW FEST COMMITTEE

- To kick off the brainstorming session, Chair Sheron gave an entertaining history of our brewfest which is celebrating its 25th year. We discussed ways to add/create some exciting new additions to our fundraiser, taking advantage of this 25th anniversary. Our major goal is to promote those things which separate us from other brewfests in Chico. President Babette wrote down the suggestions from members which will be distributed separately from the minutes. She ended the session by asking members to email the board any additional suggestions.

HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

- Co-Chair Gayle Luna collected the donated food items which were brought to the meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

- The SIBR holiday party will be on December 17, 2019, at Shelley Anderson's Creative Catering, 2565 Zanella Way # A, at 6pm. Members who wish to participate in the gift exchange should bring a gift of a value not to exceed \$20. This will be at our regular dinner cost of \$20 per person.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There was no unfinished business
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NEW BUSINESS:

- There was no new business
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CORRESPONDENCE:

- President Babette reported that since we had received quite a bit of holiday correspondence, this would be presented at a subsequent meeting as we had a lot to discuss regarding updates to our brewfest.

CALENDAR:

- January 7, 2020 - Board Meeting
- January 11, 2020 - National Human Trafficking Day, information booth at Farmer's Market

- January 14, 2020 - Business Meeting
- January 17, 2020 - Dream It, Be It
- January 21, 2020 - New member orientation
- January 28, 2020 - Speaker Meeting

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.
Lisa Fitzgerald for Kim Sayers, Secretary